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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**~~EXPEDITE PROCEDURE~~**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 3679**

NEC01P072-TSe

**AFTER FINAL: EXPEDITED ACTION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Hideyuki Sakamoto

Serial No. 09/872,522

Group Art Unit 3679

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in light of the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims:** no amendments are made to the claims in this response;  
a complete listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b><br>Applicant(s): <b>HIDEYUKI SAKAMOTO</b> |                                  | Docket No.<br><b>NEC01P072-TSe</b> |                               |
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED  |                                     |                             |                                |         |                   |
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|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE    | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
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| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 5 -                                 | 5 =                         | 0 x                            | \$86.00 | \$0.00            |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                             |                                |         | \$0.00            |
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